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SUBJECT: PERTAMINA'S LEASED TANKERS

REF : (A) STATE 220236, (B) JAKARTA 11592, (C) JAKARTA 11852

1. REF A ASKS IF EMBASSY AWARE OF GROUNDS ON WHICH SINGAPORE HIGH VACATED MARTROPICO ATTACHMENT ACTION AGAINST TWO PERTAMINA VESSELS (REF B). WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE LEARN PRECISE LEGAL REASONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF COURT CASE DUE TO ABSENCE HERE OF ANYONE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SINGAPORE COURT ACTION WHICH ORIGINATED IN JULY. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PERTAMINA LODGED COUNTER CLAIM WITH SINGAPORE COURT QUESTIONING WHETHER COURT HAD ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION IN DETENTION OF TWO VESSELS, SUMUDERA A14 AND PERMINA 108, WHICH WERE UNCONNECTED WITH PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM CONCERNING MARTROPICO VESSEL, "IBNU." JUDGE APPARENTLY ACCEPTED THIS DEFENSE AND RULED IN FAVOR OF PERTAMINA, THUS OVERTURNING MARTROPICO'S WRIT OF SUMMONS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND AND/OR CLARIFICATION AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE MAY HAVE IN THIS MATTER.
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